

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29.

THE "RIOT" AT ALEXANDRIA.

Some disorder in the city of Alexandria on Christmas day, and the previous and subsequent days, has given occasion for exciting despatches to the distant press, in which the serious point was boldly indicated that an organized attempt had been made to revive the broken cuginary of rebellion within ear-shot of the capital. The foundation which appears for this sensation—is, that of a large number of Christmas roysters who misbehaved in Alexandria a due proportion were white men; that a due proportion of these were young; and of these youngsters a due proportion had served in the Confederate army. The distant Northern reader may also need to be told that many of them were dressed in "rebel uniform," i. e., clothes, and bad ones at that, homespun in fabric and gray in color, some in the regulation gray of the Confederate service. But if the "uniform" was the proof, some of the negroes must have afforded a similar presumption, some of them being dressed in like manner.

Distant journals naturally looked to the local publications of the matter, and when they read in a morning paper here an account drawn with startling allegations, it is not surprising that papers like the New York Tribune thought it reasonable to treat a drunken outbreak of whites and negroes as a grave complication of national methods of order. —[Nat. Intelligencer.]

The Baltimore Agricultural Aid Society had a meeting yesterday. This Society has been active in affording aid to farmers and others in Virginia. Mr. Sangston is the efficient Secretary. The following is an account of the disbursements of the Society:

Cash Loans to 27 Persons in sums of	\$50 to \$400.....	\$4,350 00
Horses.....	7,310 00	
Agricultural Impl'ts and Machinery....	24,042 55	
Seed Wheat.....	39,877 72	
Guano.....	977 97	
		\$70,558 24

The balance in the hands of the treasurer is \$305 59.

Appended to the report are a number of extracts from the agents of the Society appointed at different points in Virginia, tide-water as well as in the Valley, which not only indicate the great good that has been accomplished in the various sections, but also the grateful spirit in which the movement was met and appreciated by the people.

Judge Busted of the District Court of Alabama, a few days since, decided that the act of Congress, of July 2, 1865, requiring attorneys at law to take a test oath, was unconstitutional, upon several grounds, and that attorneys would be admitted to practice in his court without taking the said oath. This question is now under consideration before the U. S. Supreme Court, and we may expect a decision in a few days. A friend who has examined Judge Busted's opinion informs us that it is a very able and conclusive one.

It is stated from Washington that a respectable minority, if not a majority, of the members of the committees of ways and means in the House, and finances in the Senate, are in favor of a repeal or modification of the existing income tax, and the substitution thereof of a tax on sales. This latter description of tax, at one per cent, it is estimated, will produce a revenue of one hundred and twenty millions of dollars.

Mr. Forney, editor of the Washington Chronicle and Philadelphia Press, has engaged in a controversy with certain lawyers of Philadelphia, concerning the issuing of newspapers on Sundays and the running of railway cars on Sundays. He writes and publishes a long letter on the subject. He is quite severe on the clergy.

The National Intelligencer announces, upon authority, that the statements that a loan of one hundred millions was, upon occasion of his recent visit to New York, tendered to Mr. Secretary McCulloch by the national banks, are a sheer fabrication. The Treasury, it adds, has not at present any need of a loan.

The New York Tribune, referring to the financial resources of Virginia, says the Governors of that State see in them "most profitable fires, most lucrative stews, wealth on the half shell, and escalated poplance."

The new five cent currency will be issued next week. About \$80,000 worth of defaced and mutilated currency is destroyed by burning, per day, and \$50,000 worth printed. Arrangements are nearly completed to make the amount of the latter equal to the former.

A Louisville dispatch says that a terrible tornado had visited the town of Pulaski, blowing down a number of houses, and killing several persons. Very few negroes were arrested on Christmas day, though hundreds of them were promenading the streets all day.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The proceedings of the Council, on last Tuesday night, in relation to the Fire Department, were, without doubt, very gratifying to every good citizen. With all due deference, however, to the Council, I will submit a proposition. (I will premise that I am opposed to a paid department on the principle of those in large cities.) Let there be two Steam Engines purchased that can be taken with facility, by hand, to any part of the city. Such Engines would only require about three men each to take care of them, and the buildings necessary for their reception. The other members of the companies would be under the volunteer system. The keeping of four or eight horses and the requisite number of men, under pay, in this small city, would be an onerous and useless expense. Two Engines from the "Amoskeag Works," in the hands of the two volunteer companies now organized here, could accomplish all that would be required. I name the "Amoskeag Works" because their Engines are better adapted to hand hauling than any other I have seen. The price, I think, is less than the prices named in the Council.

AN ACTIVE FIREMAN.

ENLARGED NEWSPAPERS. —The press of the country is enlarging its borders. There are two classes of journals that do this—one acting in the spirit of genuine enterprise and on a thoroughly digested plan, whereof greater excellence is the leading idea; the other is composed of more imitators, who enlarge because others have done so, promising the same things but failing at all points. The extra space they thus obtain they do not know how to use, and they fill it with advertisements at beggarly rates. The reader gains nothing but false promises—a larger sheet with less in it. —[Rich. Republic.]

O'Mahony has issued an address to the Fenian Brotherhood, urging them to send representatives to the Congress called by himself and attributing the opposition to it, a division on the part of "evil disposed persons" to create dissensions in the Fenian ranks.

A despatch from Fortress Monroe, dated yesterday, speaks of several wrecked vessels on Lookout Shoals. The weather had been thick for the last ten days, and there had been constant gales. Mrs. Clement C. Clay, had arrived on a visit to her husband.

The newspapers from all quarters bring us accounts of the more than usual number of crimes of all sorts—murders, robberies, &c., in every part of the country.

The funeral of Thomas Corwin took place at Lebanon, Ohio, on Tuesday last, and was largely attended by delegates from all parts of the State.

The Richmond Despatch, speaking of Gov. Fairpoint's administration remarks:—"We can say of it as General Grant says of the conduct of the people of the Southern States, that 'it is much better than could reasonably have been expected.'"

VALUABLE FAIRFAX LAND FOR SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Fairfax, rendered in the case of Jackson vs. Jackson, I will sell on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1866, at Dranesville, Fairfax county, the VALUABLE HO. TBL at Dranesville, formerly kept by Geo. W. Jackson, with a lot and garden attached; also the VALUABLE FARM, of which George W. Jackson, died, seized, about two (2) miles north of Dranesville, containing about THREE HUNDRED ACRES, is well wooded, and has upon it a COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE, and Fine Barn.

Terms of sale:—One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in hand on the day of sale; the residue in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest from the day of sale, and a retention of the title of the land until the last payment is made. The cash payment is to be forfeited, and the land sold at the costs of the purchaser, in the event of his failing to comply with the terms of sale. JAS. T. JACKSON, Commissioner of sale.

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\$50 REWARD.—Was stolen from the stable of the subscriber, at Springfield Station, on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad, on Thursday night, a small BAY MARE, blind in one eye, and small white star in forehead—in foal; a COLT, about 3 years old, unbroken, left hind foot slightly white, and a BAY HORSE, with a small sore on his left shoulder, with scar on his back, near the shoulders, and small white star in forehead, and walks wide with his hind legs; also, a set of DOUBLE HARNESS, complete, two Cavalry Saddles and three Bridles. The above reward will be paid for their return, or for information that will lead to their recovery. JOHN DEAN, Springfield Station, O. & A. R. R.

Any information can be left with Mr. R. I. Edelen, at his Coach Factory, North Pitt street. dec 29—1w

J. A. ROSE & CO.

AUCTION & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 53, KING STREET, Will give special attention to the sale of HOUSES, LOTS, FARMS and STOCK, also, FUTURE of persons declining housekeeping, and all kinds of merchandise, either on the premises or at their Auction Rooms.

Cash advances made on consignments. AUCTION SALES every evening of general merchandise. dec 29—tf

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office. nov 1—K

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET.—The market has been quiet, and the transactions limited. Flour is very firm, but in quotations there is no change; Super \$9 25a\$9 75, Extra \$10 50a\$11 25, Family from \$13a\$15, the latter for Welch's. In grain there has been very little doing, and prices are nominal. Groceries and provisions are quiet and dull, but we have no change to notice in prices. Dressed hogs are in good demand at \$13 per 100 lbs.

New York, December 28.—Flour has advanced 5 cts. Wheat firm. Corn has declined 1 cent. Lard 16½. Whiskey dull, \$2 27a\$2 28. Cotton closed with an advancing tendency, 1 ct. higher. Petroleum heavy; Crude 41 cts. Refined 63 cents. Freights dull. Gold 145½.

BALTIMORE, December 28.—Flour dull; Howard-street super \$8 62½. Wheat scarce and firm. Corn quiet; White, one cent lower. Oats dull at 50 cents. Seed inactive. Provisions inactive. Lard 19 cents. Whiskey dull at \$2 28½a\$2 29. Sugar dull and heavy.

Cattle Market.—Beef—General tone of market showed very little or no improvement; inferior beefs almost unsaleable; price of best quality \$9 50a\$10 by the gross; first quality \$8a\$8 50; second quality \$7a\$8; Stock cattle \$5 50a\$6 25. Live Hogs and Sheep—receipts and demand light. C mutton to prime \$6 50a\$7 50 per gross.

GEORGETOWN, December 28.—The market is quiet. Demand for flour moderate, principally for high grades, to supply the city trade. Transactions unimportant, with no material change of yesterday's quotations. Grain.—No Wheat offered. Corn unchanged.

GOLD.

New York, December 29.—Gold, 145½.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother in this city, on Thursday, December 28, by the Rev. C. C. Bittling, Mr. GEORGE T. GANTT, of Culpeper county, to Miss MARGARET H. TARTLTON, of this city.

BY ROSE & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

LARGE AUCTION SALE.

\$5,000 WORTH OF CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c.

We will sell at Public Sale at our Sales Room, 53, King street, near Fairfax, on THURSDAY, January 4th, commencing at 10 o'clock, a large consignment of CLOTHING.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

TRAVELING SHIRTS,

UNDERSHIRTS,

DRAWERS,

GLOVES, &c., &c.

The sale is positive, and will be continued from day to day until the goods are disposed of.

J. A. ROSE & CO., Auctioneers.

53, King street.

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J. CLINTON MILBURN.

FAMILY GROCER,

AND DEALER IN FINE

TEAS, WINES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, &c., Corner Cameron and Royal streets, Opposite the Market, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce bought and sold. By 17-ly

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE NO. 35. A commodious three-story Brick Warehouse, fronting west on north Union street, and east on the Potomac River, with a wide alley on the north side, and contiguous to an extensive wharf, at which vessels of the largest class may land and receive cargo. Application to be left with KNOX & SMITH, South Union street.

The next building, of same size, will, also, be for rent, in a short time. dec 1—tf

T. M. GRIGSBY.

No. 187, KING STREET, CORNER COLUMBUS.

In addition to his fine stock of TOBACCO, is now receiving a large and well selected stock of GROCERIES.

WHISKIES.

TEAS.

and in fact everything usually kept in a first-class grocery store, and would be pleased to see his friends and the public generally, assuring them that he will exert himself to the utmost to give general satisfaction. dec 20—tf

FOR SALE.—HOUSE AND LOT,

No. 195, south Fairfax street, lot 100 feet front, running half-way through the square. The house is double, with hall through the centre, two stories, has seven chambers in the main building and three in the back. Apply to JOHN PERRY, No. 41, south Union st.

VALUABLE WEST END PROPERTY

FOR SALE.—We have for sale a number of lots on the north side of Duke st., 50 feet front and 150 deep; also, several truck lots of various sizes, from one to four acres, binding on the Shuter's Hill road and on the road from King street to Duke's Betzold's. Terms a-commodating. dec 22—tf

JOHNSTON & CARNE.

DRIED APPLES, for sale by H. E. SMITH, No. 289, King street.

WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINES, for sale by H. E. SMITH, No. 289, King street.

dec 21—tf

W. S. KEMPER. W. H. KEMPER.

S. KEMPER & SON,

GROCERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 69, CAMERON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

dec 6—tf

RECEIVED this day at FRENCH'S, direct from the London Stereoscopic Company, one hundred dozen Stereoscopic Views, embracing everything desirable in nature and art. In this collection is embraced, the gems of the Dublin Exhibition, Views in London, Paris, Rome, Venice, Vienna, Naples; Castles, Abbeys, Statuary Classics, Coral, Alpine, Swiss, English, Welsh, Scotch, Canadian and American Scenery, Elliott & Burr's celebrated groups, beautifully colored, Illuminated Groups, Illuminated Interiors of the noted Cathedrals and Palaces of Europe, Views in Egypt and the Holy Land, Winter Views of Niagara, on glass, &c., &c. Altogether this is the most complete assortment of this celebrated Company's Views ever offered in this part of the country.

The great scientific wonder of the age, PHAROAH'S SERPENTS. These are the only genuine, protected by patent. It will astonish the groups around many a winter fire side; price 50 cts. per box.

Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family, 1 vol. 12 mo., \$1.50.

Sylvia's Lovers, by Mrs. Gaskell, 75c.

Miss Carew, by Amelia B. Edwards, 50c.

Tales and Stories of the Irish Peasantry, \$1.50.

Allworth Abbey, by Mrs. Southworth, 1 vol. 12 mo., \$2.

G. E. FRENCH, Bookseller and Stationer, 104, King street.

dec 26—tf

"CLARENS" FOR SALE.—TWENTY-

SIX ACRES OF LAND, a great part of which has been in a good state of cultivation for some years, and is one of the most elevated and eligible situations, within two miles of Alexandria, commanding a fine view of the Potomac, Alexandria and Washington, and a more healthy location cannot be found. The improvements are a large double DWELLING HOUSE, three-fourths of which is brick, and built in the best manner, containing 14 large airy rooms, attic and cellar; there are also 7 outbuildings, besides a large Ice House, a fine well of water adjoining the main house, and two fine springs on the property. It will be sold a great bargain, if early application is made. More land adjoining the property can be purchased at a moderate price. For terms, &c., apply to HENRY COOK, 30, King street.

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DRY WOOD.

250 cords OAK, PINE and ASH WOOD that has been under cover since summer, which I now offer for sale at a small advance above the price of wood that has been out in the fall and winter rains. Full length or sawed and split to any size. Kindling wood made of the best baker's pine.

COAL.

Red and White Ash, various sizes.

2,000 joints Storepipes and Elbows, to be sold at half price.

One Surveyor's Compass and two Chains.

Yards—Prince street, between Pitt and Royal, and Wolfe street wharf.

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E. A. DAYTON.

CHARLES WHITTESEY,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

AND CLAIM AGENT.

Attends to law business in this and adjoining counties, and District of Columbia; also, pays particular attention to Collection of Claims of all kinds against the United States, including Pensions, Back Pay, Bounties, Prize Monies, &c.—Address by letter, (stating claim,) or call at his office, over the market, Alexandria, Va.

dec 30—16m*

JOHNSON & CO.'S CELEBRATED

FORCE PUMPS, for sale by

KNOX & SMITH, Sole Agents.

For Alexandria, Washington and Georgetown.

dec 19—Jan 1

J. H. DEVAUGHN,

NO. 130, KING STREET,

(old Stand.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE, which he is prepared to sell as low as it can be bought in any home in the city. He would invite those in want of Furniture, to give him a call before they purchase.

HAYR, Husk, and Excelsior MATTRESSES, Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, made to order at the shortest notice. For sale low for cash.

aug 4—6m

"MARTHA WASHINGTON" HAIR

RESTORER.—The best thing for the hair in the market. Two articles combined in one. A perfect Hair Restorer and Hair Dresser. Sold by all Druggists. The trade supplied by HENRY COOK, No. 30, King st., Alexandria, Va.

Warranted to do all we claim—or money refunded, after using two bottles. Ladies try it.

nov 6—3m

GEO. WASHINGTON & CO.,

AUCTIONEERS,

No. 3, Union street—Up Stairs.

Special attention given to the sale of Real Estate, Stocks, Merchandise, &c. dec 24—tf

NOTICE.

WASHINGTON & ALEXANDRIA

On and after TUESDAY, December 29, the

Orange & Alexandria R. R. Passenger Train

will run daily between ALEXANDRIA and

WASHINGTON, as follows:

Leave Alexandria, 8 a. m., 10 a. m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m., and 7 p. m.

Leave Washington 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 2 p. m., 4 p. m., and 11:30 p. m.

In addition, the regular Mail Train will run at present, leaving Alexandria at 5:30 a. m., and 5 p. m., and Washington at 7 a. m., and 6 p. m.

W. H. McCAFFERTY, General Superintendent.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 26th. dec 26—tf

FRESH GRASS SEEDS.

Clover.

Timothy.

Orchard Grass.

Herds

&c., &c., &c.

For sale by KNOX & SMITH.

dec 19—Jan 1

TWO BOOKCASES and a few BOOKS for

sale at No. 8, N. Patrick st. dec 19—co2w